I.T.D.C. purchases and preparation of inventory etc.

2676. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that ITDC purchases items of different types e.g. plant and machinery, crockery/cutlery, furniture and fixtures, carpet, linen items etc. annually worth several crores but lacks supervision for their proper installation/use and inventories etc. in the particular unit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the persons involved in the purchase hurdles for the establishment of a centralised 'INVENTORY, INSPECTION, QUALITY CONTROL AND IMPLEMENTATION CELL' at ITDC Headquarters; and

(c) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) above be in the negative, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) In order to meet the requirement of its existing hotels and other properties and for setting up new projects, ITDC has to make bulk purchase of a variety of items. There are set procedures prescribed for effecting such purchases. ITDC's various Divisions are involved in supervision, installation/usage of stores in various operational hotels, and projects.

Besides, as and when required, Expert Committees consisting of members drawn from various disciplines are constituted for approving contracts involving bulk purchases ITDC has also made arrangements for ensuring inspection and quality control. The inventries maintained by the units are also monitored at the Corporate level.

Setting up of Women Economic Development Corporation in Madhya Pradesh

@2677. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government has set up a Women Economic Development Corporation;

(b) if so, whether the Centre has agreed to contribute Rs. 49 lakhs for this; and

(c) if so, what will be the main functions of the Women Development Body?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) *Scope of the Scheme and its objective*:

The "Women's Development Corporation" Scheme envisages taking up functions to generate activities among women such as:

(i) identification of women entrepreneurs (individuals, cooperatives, associations etc.);

(ii) preparation of a shelf of viable projects and of providing technical consultancy services;

(iii) facilitating the availability of credit through banks and other financial institutions through the scheme of margin money assistance;

(iv) promotion of marketing through tie-up arrangements with State level marketing organisations;

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